

17. A method according to claim 16, wherein said reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of sodium borohydride, sodium cyanoborohydride, lithium aluminium hydride, diisobutylaluminium hydride, and complex analogues thereof.
18. A method of alleviating pain in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an effective pain alleviating amount of a compound according to claim 1.
19. A method according to claim 18, wherein said pain is neuropathic pain.
20. A method according to claim 18, wherein said pain is chronic pain.
21. A method of local anaesthesia comprising administering an effective local anaesthesia inducing amount of a compound according to claim 1.
22. A method of treating arrhythmia in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an effective antiarrhythmic amount of a compound according to claim 1.
23. A method of antiemetic treatment comprising administering an effective antiemetic amount of a compound according to claim 1.
24. A method of nootropic (neurotropic) treatment comprising administering an effective nootropic (neurotropic) amount of a compound according to claim 1.
25. A method of treating cardiovascular disease in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an effective cardiovascular disease alleviating amount of a compound according to claim 1.
26. A method of treating urinary incontinence in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an effective urinary incontinence alleviating amount of a compound according to claim 1.
27. A method of treating diarrhea in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an effective diarrhea inhibiting amount of a compound according to claim 1.
28. A method of treating pruritus comprising administering an effective pruritus alleviating amount of a compound according to claim 1.
29. A method of treating alcohol dependency in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an effective alcohol dependency alleviating amount of a compound according to claim 1.
30. A method of treating drug dependency in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an effective drug dependency alleviating amount of a compound according to claim 1.
31. A method of treating medicament dependency in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal an effective medicament dependency alleviating amount of a compound according to claim 1.
32. A method of treating inflammation comprising administering an effective inflammation inhibiting amount of a compound according to claim 1.